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Riders through the storm

THE TEXAS INDEPENDENCE TRAIL RIDERS made their way through driving rain to reach JSC Feb. 23 on their way to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

In spite of the bad weather, they arrived on time and were joined by five JSC Circle Riders. The group wound through the center and set up camp overnight at the Gilruth Center.

Later that evening, the NASA/Clear Creek/Friendswood Subcommittee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Metro Go Texan Committee sponsored a dinner and dance at the Gilruth Center ballroom.

"There were well over 400 guests," said Larry Neu, Rodeo Planning Committee chairman. "For a first year, that was a good crowd."

1) Rose Gardner of the JSC Travel Office, center, rides with the Independence Trail Riders as they enter JSC at Rocket Park.

2) Traci Williams, daughter of JSC's Dawn Williams, pets a horse, as Cara Clayton, daughter of Ron Clayton, waits her turn.

3) A lone rider guides his horse through JSC on the way to the Gilruth campground.

4) At the end of a long day, Ben Posey still has a friendly smile as he unsaddles his horse Charlotte for the night. Posey and Charley Carey, right, were the only riders who pitched tents each night of the trail ride, foregoing the comfort and luxury of large campers.

5) Parents and children of all ages welcome the riders to JSC as they enter Rocket Park.

6) Two Longhorn Ranch "Dance Hall Girls" turn in to Rocket Park, carrying a shuttle model that almost became airborne during the windy storms earlier in the day.

7) Walter Walls holds his horse, Salt, as a youngster pets it at the JSC Child Care Center.

8) Leo and Laura Salkowski, children of Engineering's Charles Salkowski, judge two chili recipes made by employees of the JSC Child Care Center during Rodeo week.

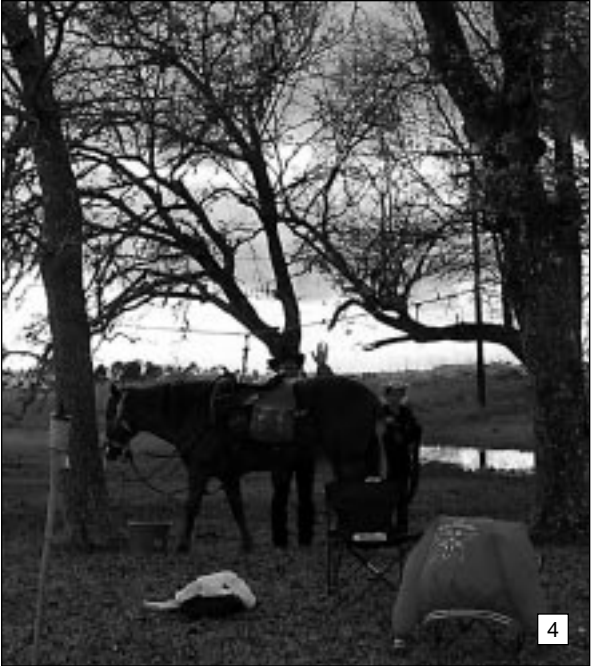
9) Employees in Bldg. T-585 welcome the riders as they parade through JSC. □



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